TOWN OF DARIEN ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES JUNE 18, 2013

Members Present: Castell, Cruice, Gadsden, Hughes, Lawrence, Macdonald

Staff Present: Dave Keating

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. in Room 213 of the Darien Town Hall.

ARB #17-2013

Dunkin' Donuts, 967 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone

Present: Jim Cain, Jr.- Owner

Proposes replacing the existing awning with an orange awning of the same size and shape as current awning. The proposed bright orange colored material was not acceptable. The board prefers the current green colored awning could be acceptable with the company logo colors, but requested that more subtle orange samples be submitted for review. Mr. Cain agreed to provide more samples for the board's consideration. The proposal was approved, pending the board's viewing of the new color samples.

ARB #18-2013

Franks & Frites, 380 Heights Road, DC Zone

Joseph and Aldo Criscuolo- Tenants

Propose replacement of the existing wall sign, with a PVC sign 42" wide x 18" high with raised letters to be 8" high. Letters will be black on a grey-white ground. The proposal was approved as submitted.

ARB #19-2013

Jam Jr. Art and Music, 21 Tokeneke Road, CBD Zone

This building is one of the Protected Town Landmarks within Darien. As such, the Planning and Zoning Commission has allowed a waiver of certain restrictions to facilitate the proper restoration and maintenance of the building. It is very important for the property owner, each tenant and the ARB to preserve that the historic character and quality of the building.

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Andrea Towey, tenant, proposes adding a hanging sign over the front door, to be MDO plywood with white lettering on a green/orange background. The board requested that a mock up of the sign be placed on the building, in order for Ms Towey to determine the proper scale for the sign and the board to have a better sense of how the sign might relate to the headroom at the entrance door. The concept of the sign was approved, pending viewing of the mock up on the building.

The board also requested that the owner of the building, Charles Thomas, appear at the next ARB meeting to present their plans for the painting of the exterior of the building.

Other Business:

Palmwich 205 Boston Post Road,

Present: Jamie Galler- President

Ian Mcauley- Palm Ventures

Propose a classic New England saltbox building as originally approved. The building will be clad in white cedar clapboard, trim to be painted a silver grey, existing asphalt shingle roof will remain and chimney will be brick painted white. Signage will be purple and white. The board liked the proposal, awaiting information regarding specific materials and colors and signage. It was suggested the Richmond Drive sign be dropped below the horizontal board to match the elevation of the sign on the front of the building.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Macdonald